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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 13, 2003, kindly reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In the drawings:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(d) and the revised amendment practice effective July 30, 2003, please delete FIG. 1 and FIG. 2 of the drawings and replace the deleted figures with the amended FIG. 1 and FIG. 2 presented on the Replacement Sheet 1/2 filed concurrently herewith. FIG. 1 and FIG. 2 are amended to identify the ledge 17 and the shoulder 23 in the drawings.